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Forest Service Adds New Recreation Rental Web Page

PORTLAND, OR – Getting back to nature just got a bit easier with the addition of a web page listing lookouts and rustic cabins for rent by the USDA Forest Service in Oregon and Washington.

Sixty-three cabins – “guard stations” that once housed Forest Service rangers – and former fire lookouts are available for rent on 14 national forests throughout Oregon and Washington through the website. Some are available year-round, while others may be rented seasonally. Prices range from \$15 to more than \$100.

The rentals, with photos and information about each, can be viewed on the Forest Service Pacific Northwest Regional website -- <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/recreation/rentals/index.shtml>

“These cabins and lookouts provide a great get-away while connecting with a wonderful part of our Northwest history,” said Jocelyn Biro, regional recreation fee program coordinator. “Kids will have a great time while learning how people lived in the early days of the Forest Service.”

These recreation rentals are offered to the public under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. Rental fees are retained locally to help maintain and preserve these historic properties.

Many of the cabins and lookouts are the historic representatives of a once-extensive system of protective structures designed to detect wildfires – and to house fire guards, “smoke chasers”, who formed the front-line defense in fighting those fires as the initial attack, Biro said.

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